What is the One Book One Community Program?

The Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) will be launching its annual One Book, One Community program during April. Reading and civic discourse lead to an informed, involved and more connected community. The focus of the ACLA is the support of literacy through equal library access to materials and programming throughout Allegheny County.

What is the One Book title for this year?

The 2009 One Book selection is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, winner of the 1994 Newberry Medal. There are 20 copies of the book on reserve at the Gumberg Library—just ask for the One Book title at the Circulation Desk.

National Library Week Book Discussion Group

As part of the Gumberg Library’s celebration of National Library Week, a One Book discussion group met April 14 at noon in the Popular Reading Area on the fourth floor to discuss the following issues in regards to this book: family structure, death and suicide, characteristics of a utopian society, defining the “perfect life” and why this book was banned. Special thanks to our book discussion leader Jessie Gluck, a junior education major.

If you haven’t read the book but would like to hear the discussion or add your thoughts please join the group. All are welcome!
Digital Initiatives Highlight Duquesne History, Scholarship and Unique Collections

The ongoing digital initiatives at Gumberg Library highlight the history of the University and share the works of Duquesne students with scholars around the world. Some of the treasures once available only in restricted areas of the Library come to light in new collections of documents from the University’s archives.

Scholars may view the writings of a Spiritan founder or consult the first-rate theses and dissertations from Duquesne graduate students. Alumni will find a collection of images from Duquesne’s past by accessing the digital Duquesne Duke. What better record of Catholicism in Pittsburgh is there than the diocesan newspaper, The Pittsburgh Catholic. From the Library’s microfilm copy, a professional scanning company digitized the earliest years of the Pittsburgh Catholic from 1844-1854. With plans to digitize the next 10 years of the Pittsburgh Catholic well underway, the early record of Catholicism in Pittsburgh will be accessible as never before. These collections highlight only a few of the resources available at http://digital.library.duq.edu.

You can help grow the library’s digital collections with a financial contribution to the library’s digital initiatives fund. For more information, please contact the Library’s administration office at 412.396.6136.